

"Much as I regret it. I believe the members of the County Court will be convicted." said District Attorney Mc-Court yesterday. "The Attorney-Gen-eral, in speaking of the law on this subsect, says the inconvenience, of there is any must all be borne by the peo-ple crossing the bridges, not by the steamers. He also says, in effect, that the law will not permit a bridge-tender to substitute his judgment for that of the Secretary of War." Mr. McCourt thought an opinion

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upon the law might be obtained by the fling of a demurrer to the complaint, and that in that way the matter might be carried through more rapidly. He said also he might be able to arrange it so, that only one member of the County Court would be obliged to pay fine, in case of conviction.

## Judge Cleeton Seeks Test.

Judge Cleeton, in discussing his arrest, said he was sorry nothing but a criminal prosecution would sattle this question. He said he did think of hav-

question. He said he did think of hav-ing a civil suit flied as a test case, but found he could not get action in that way. He was glad to have the matter brought to a head, he said. "A man doesn't want to violate the saw, even if it is a poor law," he con-tinued. "I don't think we are doing so, but if we are, and the court so de-cides, we will not continue in defance of the law. We will try to right mat-ters in some other way.

"The statute, as it is now worded, "The statute, as it is now worded, seems to me very hard against defend-ants in this kind of an attion. It says that anyone who fails or neglects to open the draw when the boat whistles that be guilty of middemeaning. The that anyone who fails or neglects to open the draw when the boat whistles shall be guilty of misdemession. I he-lieve the statute should be modified. As it is now, if the statutes must be mirkely construed, a fire engine, patrol wayon or ambulance would net be given a right of way over the bridges, but must await the passage of some tag and sand souv, or log raft. Great damage to life and property might re-suit from this sort of thing." Commissioner Lightner expressed the dity Council, or a regulation by the darbor Master or Port of Portland Commission, compelling towboats to use the screw propeiler instead of the paddle-wheel. He thought this would obviate the necessity of hog posts, and allow these tub boats and log rafts to gas the bridges without the swinging of the traws. Attorneys John F. Logan and C. W. Miton have offered their services to the County Count gratts, and the court is inclined to accept them.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

W. H. Bpencer, of Eugene, is at the

D. G. Millar, of Amity, is registered at tland.

- H. E. Baard, of Matolius, is registered
- at the Oregon R. R. Reeson, of Medford, is registered at the Perkins.

J. W. Page, of Canson, Wash, is regis-tered at the Lenoz.

Dr. A. P. McLaren, of Rainler, is regis-ared at the Cornelius.

Thomas P. Egun, of White Balmon, Wash, is at the Oregon.

O. P. Hoff, State Labor Con of Salem, is at the Imperial.

H. Breck, a commission merchant taker, is at the Cornelius.

Mary Stafford, of Seattle,

NEW CLUBHOUSE STARTED

Excavation Begins for Multnomah \$332,000 Quarters.

McInnis & Reed, contractors for the new Multhomah Club building, began grading operations yesterday on the southeast corner of the site. The work of excavating the ground will require about a week, and building of the foun-dations will follow immediately. It is expected that the building will be com-pleted and occupied before Thanksgiving day.

day. The cost of the building complete with equipment and furnishings will be close to \$20,000. The structure, exclusive of hardware and electric wiring and fixtures, will cost about \$190,000. The clubhouse will be situated on Salmon street, be-tween Stout and Chapman.

Webfoot Oil Dressing, the greatest

the contract was duly executed. If is complained, the defendants refused to let the plaintiffs do the work. Bruno Strauss was indicted by the grand jury yesterday on a charge of having obtained \$19.50 from C. L. Kline on a worthless check. Bruno was arrested in Seattle, and was re-turned here to answer the charge. Judge McGinn this morning will give a decision of much importance to all property owners of the city. It is the controversy between the city and the property owners assessed for the Hall-street improvement. The assessment, owing to extra work allowed by the City Engineer, was for a total of more than \$30,000, while the contract price was only a little more than \$12,000. The property owners sued the city to

Was only a fittle information of the city to the property owners sued the city to keep from paying the excess charges, saying that the City Engineer had no right to add so much expense to the work.

Grants Pass to Get Factory.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 27.--(Spe-cial.)-E. T. McKinstry, C. W. Court-ney and J. E. Hair, business men of this section, have combined their capital for the purpose of turning aut concrete products. The organizers of this new

nal Company, and involves the rights GOLDEN SPIKE TO BE USED Grants Pass to Celebrate March 2

When Road's Rails Are Laid.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 37 .- (Special.)-One of the big events of the senson, which will announce one of the senson, which will announce one of the progressive steps in Rogue River Val-ley, will take place in this city on March 2, at which time ties will be haid and rails placed into position and clinched down with a golden spike on the Grants Pass & Rogue River Rail-road line that is building from this city to the Josephine County caves in the south part of the county. Invitations have been sent out to the commercial clubs in various sec-tions of the county. Representatives from every town and hamiet in Rogue River Valley will be present to witness the ceremony. Both outdoor and in-door exercises will be enjoyed.

Side and will allow the contractors for the substructure of the bridge to work from that end. Demands that obstructions to the immediate building of the Broadway bridge be removed at once and that work on

of way for nearly all the land needed

There will have to be two more suits

flied for rights of way for the east ap-proach of the bridge, but they will in-volve only very small strips of land at

the termination of Broadway. The suit

filed yesterday involves the rights of way to the water's edge on the East

for the east approach for the bridge.

be removed at once and that work on that structure be conducted so that it can be completed within a year will be made to Mayor Simon this morning by a committee representing the East Side Improvement Clubs, who held a prelimi-nary conference in the office of Judgo M. G. Munly in the Wells-Fargo build-ing yesterday afternoon. The membership of the committee that

the development and completion of the Bridge was filed by the City Attorney they are needed. in the Circuit Court yesterday. The suit is against the Northern Pacific Termi-The committee, also, will ask that the

The committee, also, will ask that the city endeavor to reach an agreement with the railroad company that will per-mit the work on the bridge to proceed with the question of rights of way and damages unsettled but to be disposed of as soon as the courts or whatever agency is to be employed for this purpose can reach a decision. "If the railroad company is acting in good faith," said Judge Munly yester-day, "they will permit this arrangement whereby the bridge can be built before the question of rights and ownership is settled. If the railroad company does settled. If the railroad company does not agree to such an arrangement it will be taken as evidence that the popular belief that the company is opposed to the bridge has a good foundation. "Unless the raffroad agrees to such a

proposition we will expect the Mayor to prevent further work being done on the piers for the new railroad bridge at Glisan street and demand the full settiement of all pending questions." Yesterday's meeting was well at-tended, all the East Side interests be-

ing represented. Besides Mr. Munly, W. G. Steele, president of the Peninsula League, and George T. Atchley, repre-senting the East Side Business Men's Club,

100 yards. One foot, in its shoe, was found hanging on a barb wire fence at a considerable distance from the scene

of the explosion. Bits of Clothing found in the vicinity are of the same material as that ordinarily worn by Goller.

After a thorough search of Goller's house, Dane found only \$5 in money. Though it is known that he paid his taxes recently, the receipts were not found, and it is believed that the man, who had many eccentricities, had a secret depository for his valuables somewhere about his home.

gomewhere about his home. Golier had very neat bachelor quar-ters, worth about \$3000. He was a mechanical genius, a carpenter, fresco-painter and cabinet maker, and had painter and caoinst maker, and had made his home very attractive. His neighbors say that he sometimes spoke of two sisters and a brother in Ger-many. It is not believed that he had

many. It is not believed that he had any relatives in this country. The Ger-man Consul will be consulted as to the disposition of the property. It has been tentatively decided that an inquest will not be necessary.

Clevelands Reach Training Ground. ALEXANDRIA, La., Feb. 27.-The first squad of the Cleveland American League baseball team arrived here today for

Spring practice.



READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT-W. L. LIGHTNER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER; D. V. HART, COUNTY COMMISSIONER; T. J. CLEETON, COUNTY JUDGE; E. B. COLWELL, UNITED STATES MARSHAL.

